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SUBJECT: CHADIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CASTIGATES LIBYA AT COLOMBO

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REF: A. STATE 206705; B. COLOMBO 3056; C. NDJAMENA 2138 NOTAL.

1. COLOMBO SUMMIT SPEECH OF GOC FOREIGN MINISTER KAMOUGUE, REPRESENTING GOC PRESIDENT MALLOUM, SUMMARIZED IN LOCAL MIMEOGRAPHED DAILY NEWS SHEET OF AUGUST 19, UNDER THE TITLE "NOT ONLY GREAT POWERS MAY BE IMPERIALISTS". IN ESSENCE, IT AMOUNTS TO THINLY VEILED CASTIGATION LIBYA, MAKING GOOD CHADIAN PRESIDENT MALLOUM'S THREAT BRING CHADIN/LIBYAN BORDER DISPUTE, LIBYAN OCCUPATION PARTS NORTHERN CHAD AND ASSISTANCE TO CHADIAN REBELS TO ATTENTION OF WORLD OPINION IN ABSENCE SATISFACTORY BILATERAL PROGRESS THIS ISSUE (REFTEL C).

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2. KAMOUQUE "FORECEFULLY" DECLARED, ACCORDING TO INFO CHAD, THAT "CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT ARE MORE IMPERIALIST THAN THE POWERS THEY ARE CENSURING ALL DAY LONG". PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION IN STATE'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS IS TO BE RESPECTED NOT ONLY BY GREAT POWERS BUT ALSO BY NONALIGNED POWERS. "CERTAIN NONALIGNED COUNTRIES ENCOURAGE, FINANCE, AND SUPPORT MERCENARIES ON THEIR TERRIOTY IN ORDER TO SOW TROUBLES IN THIRD COUNTRIES." "OUR COUNTRY"

, KAMOUQUE IS DIRECTLY QUOTED AS SAYING, "UNDERTAKES TO USE ALL ITS ENERGY AND ALL ITS WILL AGAINST ALL COUNTRIES WHICH TRY TO SEIZE THE SPIRIT OF THE CHADIAN REVOLUTION." FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO SAID TO HAVE DEPLORED THE FACT THAT NONALIGNED COUNTRIES NOT UNITED AND THAT THOSE COUNTRIES WITH LARGE MEANS DO NOT COME TO THE AID OF THOSE WHICH ARE LESS WELL OFF.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH LIBYA APPARENTLY NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED BY NAME IN KAMOUQUE SPEECH, THERE IS NO QUESTION LOCALLY AS TO THE COUNTRY TO WHICH HE REFERRED. LATE JULY SENIOR GOC DELEGATION TO LIBYA APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY UNSUCCESSFUL IN PROMOTING CHADIAN OBJECTIVES, AND, AFTER MALLOUM CONSULTATIONS WITH SUDANESE PRESIDENT IN KHARTOUM IN EARLY AUGUST, GOC HAS DECIDED IN WAKE OF SUDANESE AND EGYPTIAN ACCUSATIONS AGAINST LIBYA THAT TIME IS RIPE TO BRING ITS WON COMPALINTS TO INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION. PUBLIC HARD LINE OF GOC RAISING CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION AS TO WHETHER IT FORECASTS DECISION GOC TAKE MILITARY INITIATIVE AGAINST NORTHERN REBELS AS RAINY SEASON BEGINS TO DRAW TO CLOSE.

4. FOR LIBREVILLE AND KINSHASA: WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED IF PRESIDENT MALLOUM HAS TOUCHED ON THIS SUBJECT PUBLICLY DURING CURRENT VISIT GABON AND ZAIRE. DWYER

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